

158.148 Student discipline guidelines -- Local code of acceptable behavior and discipline.

- (1) In cooperation with the Kentucky Education Association, the Kentucky School Boards Association, the Kentucky Association of School Administrators, the Parent-Teachers Association, the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, the Farm Bureau, members of the Interim Joint Committee on Education, and other interested groups, and in collaboration with the Center for School Safety, the Department of Education shall develop:
 - (a) Statewide student discipline guidelines to ensure safe schools; and
 - (b) Recommendations designed to improve the learning environment and school climate, parental and community involvement in the schools, and student achievement.
- (2) The department shall obtain statewide data on major discipline problems and reasons why students drop out of school. In addition, the department, in collaboration with the Center for School Safety, shall identify successful strategies currently being used in programs in Kentucky and in other states and shall incorporate those strategies into the statewide guidelines and the recommendations under subsection (1) of this section.
- (3) Copies of the discipline guidelines shall be distributed to all school districts. The statewide guidelines shall contain broad principles to guide local districts in developing their own discipline code and school councils in the selection of discipline and classroom management techniques under KRS 158.154; and in the development of the district-wide safety plan.
- (4) Each local board of education shall be responsible for formulating a code of acceptable behavior and discipline to apply to the students in each school operated by the board.
 - (a) The superintendent, or designee, shall be responsible for overall implementation and supervision, and each school principal shall be responsible for administration and implementation within each school. Each school council shall select and implement the appropriate discipline and classroom management techniques necessary to carry out the code. The board shall establish a process for a two-way communication system for teachers and other employees to notify a principal, supervisor, or other administrator of an existing emergency.
 - (b) The code shall contain the type of behavior expected from each student, the consequences of failure to obey the standards, and the importance of the standards to the maintenance of a safe learning environment where orderly learning is possible and encouraged.
 - (c) The principal of each school shall apply the code of behavior and discipline uniformly and fairly to each student at the school without partiality or discrimination.
 - (d) A copy of the code of behavior and discipline adopted by the board of education shall be posted at each school. Guidance counselors shall be

provided copies for discussion with students. The code shall be referenced in all school handbooks. All school employees and parents shall be provided copies of the code.

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